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1. Rhodesia

Prime Minister Wilson today announced his new, tougher moves against Rhodesia. US officials in London were told yesterday that the cabinet is agreed that the situation cannot be allowed to drag on and that a "quick kill" is necessary.

The economic moves include a ban on imports that covers 99 percent of what Britain buys from Rhodesia. The next step is to be selective control of British exports to Rhodesia. The British stress that these measures, especially the export controls, cannot be effective without considerable US and other Western cooperation.

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2. South Vietnam

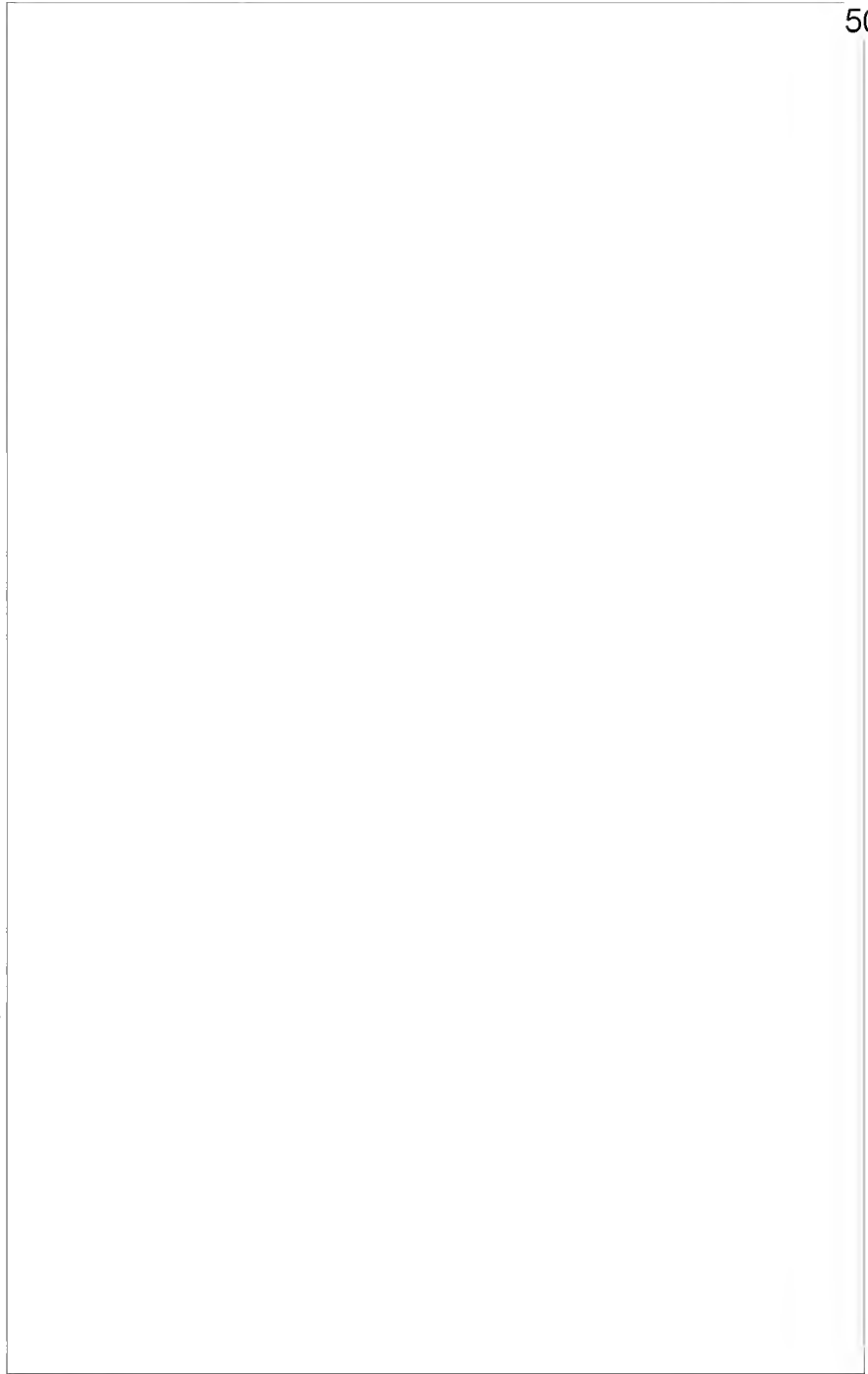
The Communists yesterday appealed to all residents in and around Saigon to observe 15 minutes of silence on 19 December in honor of American "peace" fighters who have sacrificed their lives in the struggle against "US imperialism."

Mindful of the failure of their strike call in mid-October, the Communists have designated a time around noon on a Sunday when activity in Saigon would be sharply down in any case.

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3. Soviet Union

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5. Indonesia

Top Indonesians seem to expect new announcements from Sukarno in the next few days. Most, including even pro-Communist Deputy Premier Subandrio, say they expect Sukarno at last to ban the Communist Party as part of his "political solution."

Such a move by Sukarno would not end his power struggle with the army, however. Recent clashes between army units and fanatic Muslim elements in East Java may offer Sukarno another excuse to try to restrict the army's free-wheeling.

6. Communist China

Peking's quick and adamant refusal to take part in a world disarmament conference is another sign that the Chinese are unwilling to agree to any initiative even remotely associated with the United Nations.

In this as in other questions, the Peking leadership evidently believes that in time both its enemies and its would-be friends will be compelled to negotiate on Chinese terms, and that nothing is to be gained from adopting a softer line now.

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7. Dominican Republic

The provisional government has renewed its arms-for-pay program, which was to have expired yesterday. So far, the government has paid out over \$75,000, and Garcia Godoy says he is encouraged.

One battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division has begun redeployment to the US. When the move is completed Friday, there will be three battalions of US troops still in the Dominican Republic.

8. Ecuador

The remaining members of the military junta seem to be keeping control of the situation following the ouster of their air force colleague. Civilian political groups, however, evidently believe that there is a crack in the junta that can be exploited, and are calling on the military to turn the government back to civilians.

9. Yemen

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10. France

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11. Czechoslovakia

The Prague government today imposed new travel restrictions on US Embassy personnel. The move is to some degree a delayed retaliation for restrictions imposed by the US three years ago on travel of all Soviet bloc personnel in this country, but it is also an indication that the Czechs have concluded that there is little prospect for improvement in their relations with the US.

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